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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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17XS501520; OMB Control Number 1029-0039]**

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Underground Mining Permit Applications – Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) are proposing to renew an information collection used by the regulatory authority to determine if underground coal mine applicants can comply with the applicable performance and environmental standards required by the law.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C. Street, NW, Mail Stop 4559, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to jtrelease@osmre.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1029-0039 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact John Trelease by email at jtrelease@osmre.gov, or by telephone at (202) 208-2783. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provides the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 16, 2017 (82 FR 38932). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of OSMRE; (2) is the estimate of burden accurate; (3) how might OSMRE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) how might OSMRE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review,

we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Title: 30 CFR part 784 - Underground Mining Permit Applications - Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0039.

Abstract: Sections 507(b), 508(a) and 516(b) of Public Law 95-87 require underground coal mine permit applicants to submit an operations and reclamation plan and establish performance standards for the mining operation. Information submitted is used by the regulatory authority to determine if the applicant can comply with the applicable performance and environmental standards required by the law.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses and State regulatory authorities.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 40 underground coal mining permit applicants and 39 State regulatory authorities.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,086.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 2 hours to 80 hours, depending on type of respondent and activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 21,612 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$390,350.

SUMMARY FOR 30 CFR PART 784

Section	Industry Responses	Industry Hours per Response	State Responses	State Hours per Response	Total Hours Requested	Currently Approved Burden Hours	Changes to Burden Hours
784.11	40	16	39	4	796	312	484
.12	5	7	4	3	47	47	0
.13	40	55	39	20	2,980	2,583	397
.14	40	80	39	40	4,760	2,185	2,575
.15	40	8	39	2	398	314	84
.16	40	30	39	20	1,980	1,160	820
.17	1	6	1	5	11	11	0
.18	16	12	15	2	222	178	44
.19	30	10	29	14	706	702	4
.20	40	14	39	6	794	716	78
.21	40	10	39	8	712	532	180
.22	40	30	39	8	1,512	1,344	168
.23	40	70	39	10	3,190	2,130	1,060
.24	40	30	39	4	1,356	1,098	258
.25	19	15	18	4	357	206	151
.29	40	20	39	5	995	940	55
.30	40	16	39	4	796	448	348
TOTALS					21,612	14,906	6,706

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

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